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## ST KEVIN'S PARISH

### VISION STATEMENT

St Kevin's Templestowe Parish is a Catholic community called by God and trusting in Jesus. We aspire to care for and connect with the wide world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full.

**6/7<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**Year B**

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***The Parish of St Kevin's Templestowe warmly welcomes:***

Fr Charles Balnaves who will be our Presider for all of our Masses this weekend.

### ***From the PP's Desk...***

Welcome back! It is such a grace to be back together. I was over the moon at having so many people back together gathering as Church, gathering to celebrate our one-ness as the Body of Christ. And! We've had some of the school children back at Mass as well: such a delight.

### ***Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy***

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer.

We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

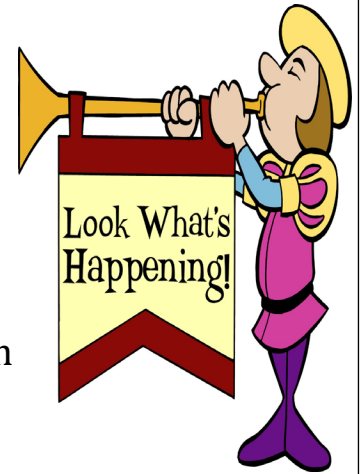
Lord hear our prayer.

### **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he  
gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

# What's happening in our Parish this week?...

|                  |                  |   |
|------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.30pm           | Vigil Mass                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.15am           | Mass                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30am           | Christian Meditation in the Parish Chapel |
|                  | 11.00am          | Adoration                                 |
|                  | 12.00pm          | Tech Know-How Session                     |
|                  | 1.00pm           | Needlecraft Group                         |
|                  | 7.30pm           | Liturgy Team Meeting                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8.30am           | Adoration                                 |
|                  | 9.15am           | Mass                                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8.30am           | Adoration                                 |
|                  | 9.15am           | Service of the Word with Communion        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.30pm           | Vigil Mass                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass                                      |



## Synod 2021-2023



In dioceses around the world, a period of consultation continues as part of a process culminating in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world in embarking on an intentional process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage people in a journey of communion, participation and mission.

The Mission Office at the Melbourne Archdiocese will be holding two sessions for parish leaders who are interested in understanding the Synod journey and how we might engage and consult within our own community.

There will be two sessions held which you are invited to attend in order to learn more about:

- What is the Synod on Synodality?
- How can we contribute as a local community to the preparatory phase?
- Experience the discernment process as a participant so you might learn to facilitate your own community discernment for the Synod consultation in 2022.

The sessions (same content for each session, repeated at different days/times) will be held on:

- Tuesday November 23rd, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- Thursday November 25th, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Both sessions will be hosted online (via zoom) and registration for the sessions is via the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXX>

For further information or for assistance with bookings please contact the *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal* via email: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)



### **Finding it difficult to keep up-to-date with today's technology?**

Then come along to our weekly “Tech Know-How” Sessions! Bring your devices and your questions to a forum which we will conduct every Wednesday at 12.00pm in the Church Gathering Space, and Rebecca will ably and patiently assist you with your query. You’ll be a ‘tech guru’ in no time! A great way to impress friends and family!

## LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13/14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Daniel 12: 1-3 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

| Time    | Commentator   | Lector             | Communion     |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 5.30pm  | Peter Howes   | Margaret Turner    | Lynne O'Brien |
| 8.30am  | Paul Polidano | Rebecca Sandwell   | Betty Natoli  |
| 10.00am | Tony Byrne    | The Johnson Family | Lyn Murphy    |

**We pray for Better Health:** Jan Dalton, Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien, Pat & John Rowland, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Faye O'Toole and Paul Materazzo (Carmel Shiel's brother).

**Anniversaries:** Wally McCormack and Alfredo Dalla Riva  
**Recently Deceased:** Paul Haley and Ian Angus

### Safety and Other Things:

The joy of presence and a recent videoconference session for Child Safe Committees prompted me to think again about some of the things that have changed over the past five years or so which we need to get back into the conscious 'swing' of.

We all know about the various commissions and legislative changes that have been introduced over the past few years but some points are worth reminding ourselves about:

1. Abuse is wrong! We focus particularly on children and other very vulnerable people because of their vulnerability – and that is good. But we must remember that abuse is abuse and therefore is intrinsically wrong. We can fix the world and stop all forms of abuse but if we think we only need to worry about children's safety we are missing the boat.
2. We are all responsible for keeping children safe from harm and we all have duties for reporting what we see or reasonably suspect (not all mandatory reporters, as I am, but none of us can ignore abuse).
3. We have simple processes such as ensuring altar servers are never on their own. Schools have broad ranging regulations on how they are to care for and protect children. One such rule relates to supervision of children at play – so during school hours parishioners and others are not to go into the school grounds without a legitimate purpose and they must first report to the school office. Another relates to the children in Church during school hours: they must sit in a well-defined separate space from other parishioners. Sensible? Yes! A nuisance to routine? Perhaps. Essential? Yes!
4. When we are planning events / liturgies / functions we must do some thinking ahead about how the safety of children is to be ensured. "Risk Planning and Mitigation!" – sounds complicated? It isn't really.

I or others on our committee will mention Child Safe matters quite often and we will be refreshing the presentation of our policies contact details if you need help.

Again! Welcome back to the real world of gathering and being community together. Keep safe, keep Covid-safe, and talk to your doctor if you aren't already vaccinated.

God bless, **Fr Charles**

The next batch of **Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes** will be available for collection from next weekend, 13/14<sup>th</sup> November. You will find they actually began at the beginning of October, however, with lockdown and Church closures, we were not able to process/deliver them. So please, when you collect yours, you may consider catching up on missed contributions as we have skipped many weekends.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School  
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School  
Phone: 9842 7634

**MASS AND COVID 19 UPDATE**  
**Please make an effort to arrive early to register for Mass.**

- **FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS:** those with flu like symptoms, are awaiting Covid test results, or are supposed to be isolating must not attend Mass.
- **BOOKING FOR MASS:** Not required
- **MASKS:** The wearing of masks at Mass is required
- **ARRIVE EARLY:** to assist with pre Mass contact tracing procedures
- **MOBILE PHONES:** If you have a smart phone bring it with you so you can use our QR Code for contact tracing
- **HAND SANITISING:** Upon entry and exiting the Church
- **COMMUNION:** You must receive communion in the hand. Return to your seat via the side aisles.



**YOUR  
PARISH  
NEEDS  
YOU**

**Are You....**

- A motivated individual with a keen interest in helping children receive Sacraments?
  - Dedicated to providing guidance for families and children for a memorable experience?
  - Excited about helping children deepen their spiritual awareness?
- Then we invite you to make yourself known to either Rebecca or Gerry. This voluntary Sacramental Co-Ordinator position does not involve teaching and you will be working closely with parish staff and school Religious Education Co-Ordinators who will provide support and help.

**Also....**

We are in need of Lectors, Commentators and Aged Care Ministers, especially as we head towards the Christmas Season. No experience is necessary! Training/coaching provided (if needed/requested). Members of our rostered volunteers are dwindling, so it's time to lift your Spirits and show your passion and support for your parish.

*Lest We  
Forget*  
11 NOVEMBER

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*Remembrance  
Day*

**Inspirational Quotes From  
Christian Meditation Network**

The most important thing to understand about meditation is its ordinariness. The next important thing is to start. Just begin. Once you begin, everything you need for the journey is given to you. The way to begin is to decide to build meditation into every day. It is impossible to learn to meditate without meditating. Put in the time. Meditate every morning and every evening.

**COVID safe Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is presently available in two ways: Come to Mass early or stay late – for any Mass. I will start a particular time for Reconciliation as we settle into being open again. You can also call me via the parish and arrange to meet for the Sacrament. **Fr Charles**

**Mass for the un-vaccinated:** We celebrate Mass for those vaccinated or with a formal medical exemption and for those who are of unknown status or are unvaccinated @ 6.30pm every Wednesday. **Fr Charles**